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DATE OF REPORT: 11 SEPT 90

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END: 1100

METHODOLOGY: ERV

VIEWER IDENTIFIER: 052

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3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: This was viewer's first session in the ERV mode. Viewer utilized sanctuary. Viewer did quite well. Viewer was able to sketch the top of the tallest structure. Viewer identified the water and the vessels moving in a circular motion in the water.
4. (S/NF/SK) EVALUATION: 3
5. (S/NF/SK) SEARCH EVALUATION:

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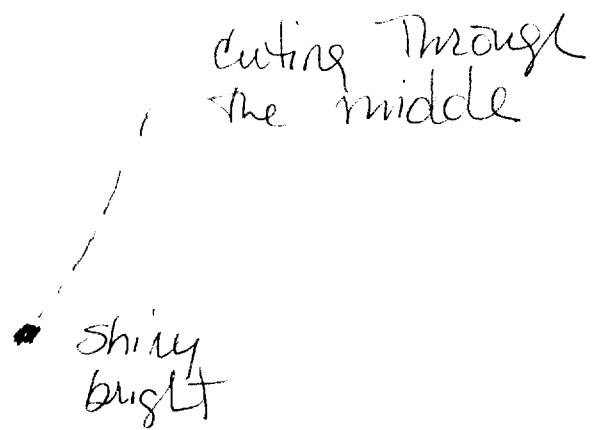
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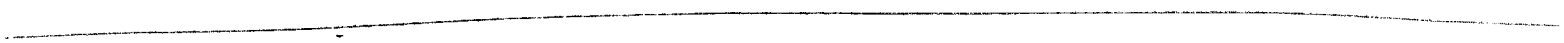
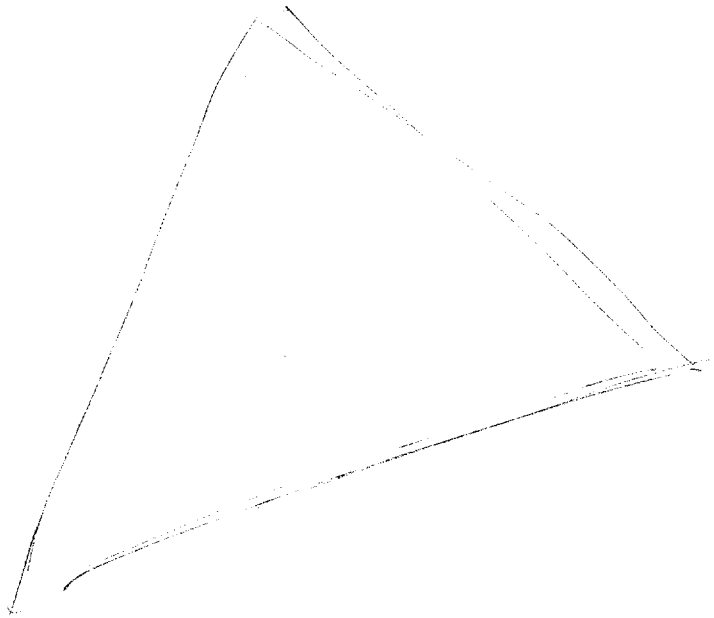
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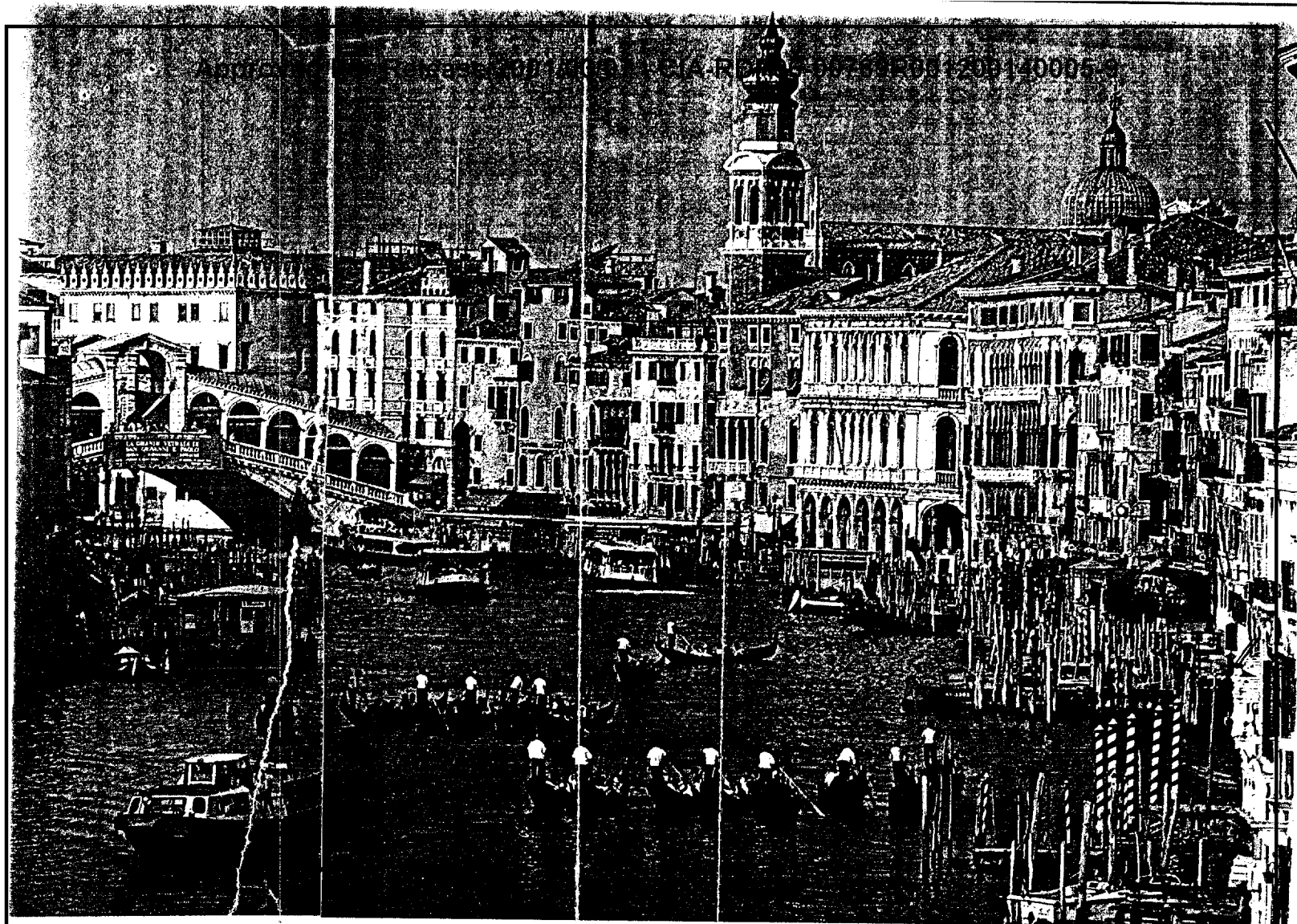
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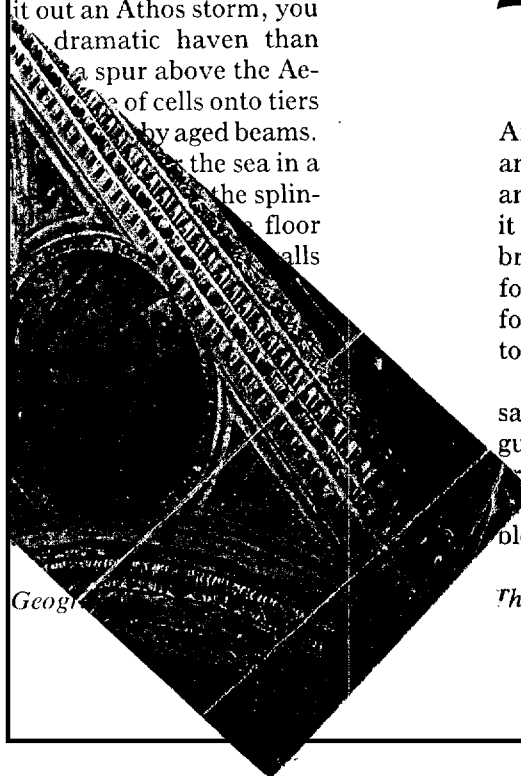




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THE YEAR 1071 was a bad one for the Byzantines, East and West. At Manzikert, in the highlands of eastern Turkey, the multinational Byzantine Army, riven by dissensions and desertions and for once sloppy in reconnaissance, was annihilated by the invading Seljuk Turks it had marched east to destroy. Anatolia, breadbasket and prime recruiting ground for Byzantium, subsequently was stripped forever from Christendom, opening the way to later Ottoman invasions of Europe.

In Bari, port city in southeastern Italy, I saw blood on the pavement. Assassins had gunned down a political opponent, and grieving partisans marched around the stain as a bitter memorial. Nine centuries earlier blood had flowed in the streets of Byzantine

Bari, sacked by the Normans after a three-year siege. Five years after the Battle of Hastings in England, the Normans had conquered southern Italy.

The year 1204 was even worse. On April 13, Fourth Crusaders en route to Jerusalem committed what historian Sir Steven Runciman called "the greatest crime in history"—the Christian sack of Constantinople. Burning, pillaging, raping, the crusaders looted what they didn't destroy to enrich Venice, Paris, Turin, and other Western centers with "every choicest thing found upon the earth." (They even brought back *two* heads of John the Baptist, so rich was Constantinople in relics.)

When, after 57 years, a Byzantine emperor once again reigned in Constantinople, the

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